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NOTIFICATION

The State Government is hereby pleased to constitute the Sikkim State High Level Committee (SSHLC) to work on the modalities for inclusion of the 12 left out communities of Sikkim in the list of Scheduled Tribes in the Constitution of India. The Committee shall comprise of the following members:

SL. NO.	NAME AND DESIGNATION	MEMBERS
1	Prof. B V Sharma, Director, Anthropological Survey of India and Director General, Raja Ram Mohan Roy Library Foundation, Ministry of Culture, Government of India	Chairman
2	Prof. Mahendra P Lama, Development Economist & Senior Professor, Jawaharlal Nehru University's School of International Studies, New Delhi.	Vice Chairman
3	Prof Virginus Xaxa, former Deputy Director, Tata Institute of Social Sciences, Mumbai	Member
4	Dr Satyabrata Chakrabarti, Former General Secretary, Asiatic Society & former Deputy Director Anthropological Survey of India.	Member
5	Prof. (Dr) Nupur Tiwari, Director, Centre of Tribal Research and exploration (COTREX), IIPA New Delhi	Member
6	Prof. Sarit Kumar Chaudhury, Dean of the Faculty of Social Sciences, Rajiv Gandhi University, Arunachal Pradesh	Member
7	Shri Rangan Dutta, IAS, Former Senior Official of Office of the Registrar General India (ORGI), New Delhi (Concent yet to be received)	Member
8	Prof. A B Ota, IAS, Senior Advisor, United Nations Children's Fund (UNICEF)/Advisor Tribal Museum, Rashtrapati Bhawan.	Member

9	Prof. Sandhya Thapa, Head of Department of Sociology, Sikkim University	Member
10	Shri Bedu Singh Panth, Hon'ble Advisor	Member
11	Chairman Eleven+1 Indigenous Ethnic Communities in Sikkim (EIECOS+1)	Member
12	Secretary Social Welfare Department, Government of Sikkim	Member Secretary

Terms of reference: -

1. Conduct/prepare a comprehensive ethnographic and anthropological study/report of the 12 left out Sikkimese communities viz., Bhujel, Gurung, Jogi, Kirat Khambu Rai, Kirat Dewan (Yakha), Khas (Chettri-Bahun) Mangar, Newar, Sanyashi, Sunuwar (Mukhia), Thami and Majhi.
2. Meticulously spell out the grounds and substantive socio-cultural, historic - geographical, ecological and legal-constitutional justification as to why these 12 left out Sikkimese communities deeply qualify for the Scheduled Tribes status as per various provisions of the Constitution of India.
3. Examine and elucidate the tri-junctional benefits/dividends that accrue from the inclusions of these left out 12 communities in the list of Scheduled Tribes in terms of:
 - i) Socio-economic upliftment and cultural-ecological conservations of these and other tribes spread over the entire Indian Himalayan region and more specifically in the Eastern Himalaya consisting of Sikkim and Darjeeling hills.
 - ii) Significant enrichment of State level and national tribal heritage, cultural panorama and development trajectory of the indigenous communities in the Eastern Himalaya and
 - iii) Substantive contributions to the consolidations of national interest projects including national security in the sensitive border and borderlands of India.
4. Make recommendations of the Government of Sikkim to the Government of India for the inclusion of the 12 left out communities on a firm ethno-historical and geographical-ecology grounds; scientific-demographic and legal-constitutional basis and regional and national interest implications particularly in the context of State of Sikkim, Himalayan borders and borderlands.
5. The Committee shall submit report to the Government of Sikkim within three months from the date of issue of this Notification

BY ORDER

(V.B.Pathak) IAS
Chief Secretary
Government of Sikkim
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